



FY05 BUDGET RESOLUTION...SECURITY, OPPORTUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY Children

Education. The budget provides \$13.3 billion for Title I grants to Local Education Agencies to help high poverty school districts meet the reforms in the No Child Left Behind Act. This represents an 8.1-percent increase over FY04. Since the passage of NCLB, funding for Title I grants has increased by 52 percent. Also provided is \$11.1 billion for special education to help states pay the excess costs of educating over 6.9 million children with disabilities. This \$4.7 billion increase since 2001 represents a 75-percent increase in special education state grants since President Bush took office.

Child Tax Credits. Last year, the budget temporarily increased the child tax credit from \$700 to \$1,000 which resulted in about \$16 billion in additional resources to families with children in FY04. This increase in the child tax credit expires at the end of 2004. The FY05 budget rejects this tax increase, assuming extension of the child tax credit through 2009.

Head Start. The budget assumes \$6.7 billion for Head Start programs to improve early childhood education by providing information on child development and early learning to the teachers, parents, and caregivers of the 919,000 children who will receive Head Start services in FY05. Since 2001, funding for Head Start programs has increased by \$575 million.

Reading First and Early Reading First. The Budget assumes nearly \$1.4 billion to help students in preschool and elementary school improve their reading skills by supporting higher quality reading practices in grades K-3 as well as developing pre-reading programs for schools serving high-poverty communities.

School Lunch Programs. The School Lunch and the School Breakfast program provides funds to participating schools to subsidize lunches and breakfasts to children from low-income families. The Budget assumes \$11.6 billion for the School Lunch and Breakfast program in FY05, a \$464 million increase over FY04.

Nutrition Programs. The budget recognizes that the Child Nutrition program is likely to be reauthorized this year and assumes \$11.7 billion for these programs in FY05. The budget also incorporates \$4.8 billion, a 3.8-increase over FY04, for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and \$28.3 billion for the Food Stamp program in FY05.

Child Care Grants to States. The budget assumes the President's proposal of \$2.1 billion in funding to states for the Child Care Development and Block Grant program, a \$13 million increase over FY04.

